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## NITRO UPDATE

### **RICHMOND, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR FIREARM VIOLATION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Richmond, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

**David G. Jones**, 32, of Richmond, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 22, 2003, **Jones** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Jones** admitted that he was in possession of a Sturm, Ruger and Company 9 mm caliber pistol on Feb. 9, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jones** has two 1990 criminal felony convictions for burglary and stealing.

**Jones** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 2, 2003, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. The case was investigated by the NITRO Task Force and the Ray County, Mo., Sheriff's Department. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation, a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county region.

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